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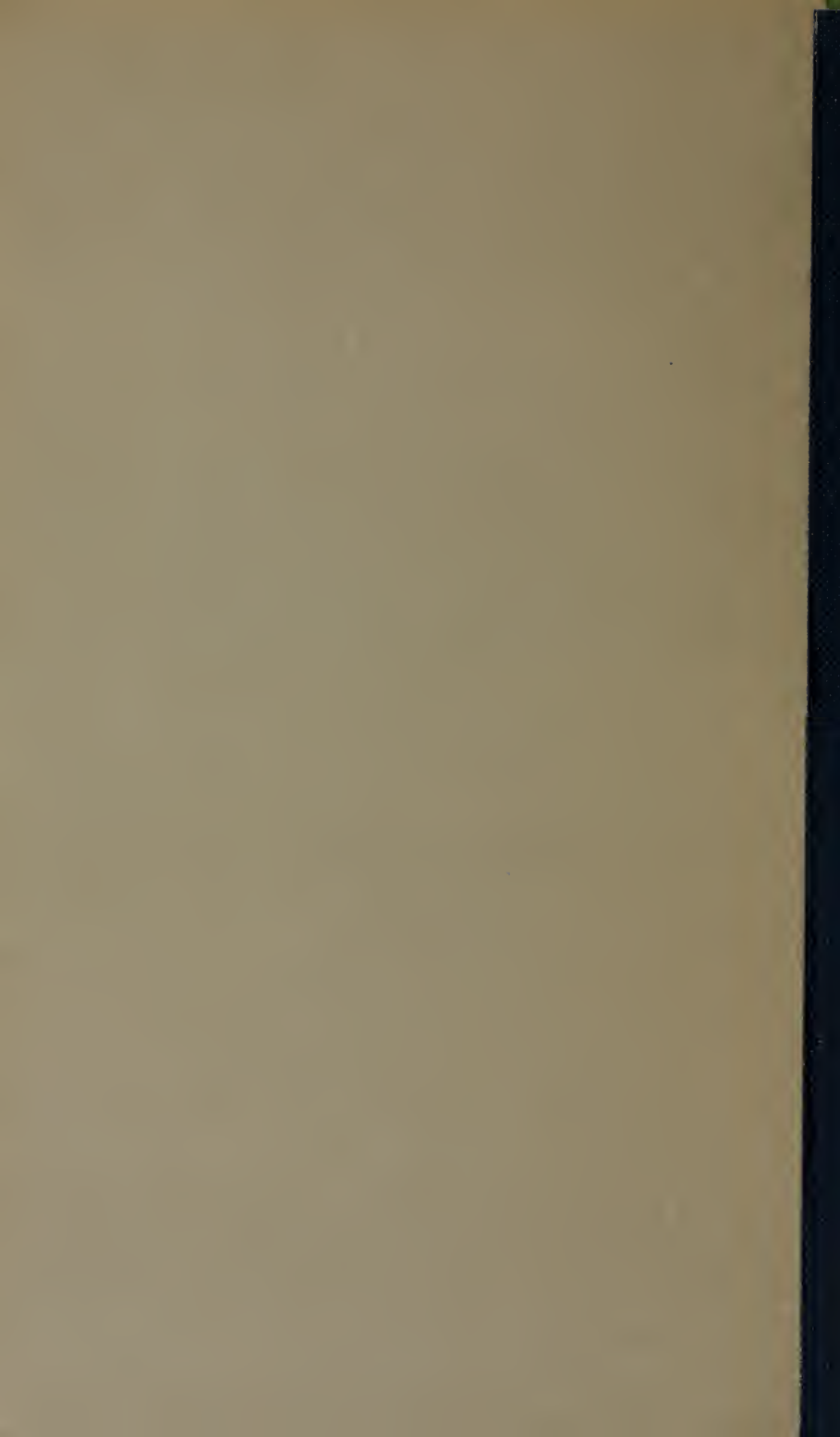
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THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

ORIGIN AND FORMATION.

A MEETING, convened by Mr. Warington for the purpose of taking into consideration the formation of a Chemical Society, was held in the rooms of the Society of Arts, John-street, Adelphi, on February 23rd, 1841, at which the following gentlemen were present:—Arthur Aikin, Esq., Dr. Thos. Clark, W. J. Cock, Esq., J. T. Cooper, Esq., D. Cooper, Esq., Thos. Everitt, Esq., Wm. Ferguson, Esq., J. P. Gassiot, Esq., Thos. Graham, Esq., W. R. Grove, Esq., H. Hennell, Esq., T. H. Henry, Esq., C. Heisch, Esq., G. Lowe, Esq., W. H. Miller, Esq., Apsley Pellatt, Esq., Richard Phillips, Esq., Dr. Lyon Playfair, Robert Porrett, Esq., Dr. G. O. Rees, E. Solly, Jun., Esq., James Tennant, Esq., E. F. Teschemacher, Esq., Dr. R. D. Thomson, and Robert Warington, Esq.

Professor Graham having been called to the Chair, it was unanimously resolved, "That it is expedient that a Chemical Society should be formed," and a Provisional Committee, consisting of Messrs. A. Aikin, W. T. Brande, H. J. Brooke, J. T. Cooper, Rev. J. Cumming, J. F. Daniell, T. Everitt, T. Graham, W. R. Grove, H. Hennell, G. Lowe, R. Phillips, R. Porrett, and R. Warington, was appointed to carry this resolution into effect.

The objects of the Society were defined to be—

"The promotion of Chemistry and of those branches of Science immediately connected with it, by the reading, discussion, and subsequent publication, of original communications."

“Also the formation of a Chemical Library, and Museum.”

“It was proposed that the Annual Subscription for Members resident within twenty miles of London, should be Two Pounds; beyond that distance, One Pound.”

At the first General Meeting, held on the 30th of March, 1841, the Provisional Committee brought forward a Report, embodying a plan for the constitution and government of the Society. The Report, with some amendments, was adopted by the Meeting.

The following gentlemen were then elected as the first Officers and Council:—President—T. Graham, Esq.; Vice-Presidents—W. T. Brande, Esq., J. T. Cooper, Esq., J. F. Daniell, Esq., R. Phillips, Esq.; Treasurer—Arthur Aikin, Esq.; Secretaries—Robert Warrington, Esq., E. F. Teschemacher, Esq.; Council—Dr. T. Clark, Rev. J. Cumming, M.A., Dr. C. Daubeny, T. Everitt, Esq., T. Griffiths, Esq., W. R. Grove, Esq., H. Hennell, Esq., G. Lowe, Esq., W. H. Miller, Esq., M.A., W. H. Pepys, Esq., R. Porrett, Esq., Dr. G. O. Rees. The names of seventy-seven gentlemen who had become Members were then read, and the Society adjourned until Tuesday the 13th of April.

The Society continued to meet regularly, from time to time, and published Memoirs and Reports of their Proceedings, which at the close of the year 1847 amounted to three volumes.

As the Members of the Society at this time amounted to between 200 and 300, it appeared desirable that steps should be taken for obtaining a Charter of Incorporation; and, at the Anniversary Meeting for 1848, a Resolution was passed—

“That it be recommended to the Council for their consideration, whether it would be for the interests of the Society to procure a Charter of Incorporation.”

In pursuance of this Resolution, the Council made the necessary inquiries, and a Special Meeting of the Society was summoned on the 22nd of May, 1848, to receive their Report, in which the Council advised the Society to make application to Government for a Charter. The Report was adopted by the Meeting, and it was resolved—

“That this Meeting do authorise the Council to take the necessary steps for procuring a Charter of Incorporation.”

Application was therefore made to the Government authorities in due form, and the Royal Assent having been obtained, the Society was incorporated under the following Charter.

CHARTER.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these presents shall come greeting. WHEREAS WILLIAM THOMAS BRANDE, of our Mint, Esquire, a Fellow of the Royal Society and of the University of London, and others of our loving subjects, did in the year 1841 establish, and are now Members of, a Society known by the name of the Chemical Society, for the general advancement of Chemical Science, as intimately connected with the prosperity of the manufactures of the United Kingdom, many of which mainly depend on the application of chemical principles and discoveries for their beneficial development, and for a more extended and economical application of the industrial resources and sanatory condition of the community: AND WHEREAS it has been farther represented to us that the same Society has, since its establishment, sedulously pursued such its proposed object, by holding meetings at stated periods, at which new discoveries have been brought under dis-

cussion, and the results made known to the public in a series of Transactions from time to time published by the said Society, and that distinguished individuals in foreign countries have availed themselves of the facilities offered by the same Society for communicating important scientific and practical discoveries made abroad, and that thus a useful interchange of valuable information has been effected: AND WHEREAS the same Society has hitherto been supported by donations and annual and other subscriptions and contributions to its funds, and has expended and continues to expend considerable sums of money in the publication of its Transactions, in aid of which objects a Library of scientific works, and also a Museum of chemical preparations and standard instruments are in course of being formed: AND WHEREAS, in order to secure the property of the said Society, and to extend its useful operations, and at the same time to give it a more permanent establishment among the scientific institutions of our kingdom, WE have been besought to grant to the said WILLIAM THOMAS BRANDE, and to those who now are or shall hereafter become Members of the said Society, our Royal Charter of Incorporation for the purposes aforesaid:—

NOW KNOW YE, that we being desirous of encouraging a design so laudable and salutary of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have willed, granted, and declared, and do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, will, grant, and declare, that the said WILLIAM THOMAS BRANDE, and such others of our loving subjects as now are Members of the said Society, or shall from time to time be elected Fellows thereof, according to such regulations or bye-laws as shall be hereafter framed or enacted, and their successors shall for ever hereafter be, by virtue of these presents, one body politic and corporate by the name of THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY, and for the purposes aforesaid and by the name aforesaid shall have perpetual succession

and a Common Seal, with full power and authority to alter, vary, break, and renew the same at their discretion, and by the same name to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in every court of us, our heirs and successors, and be for ever able and capable in the law to purchase, receive, possess, hold, and enjoy, to them and their successors, any goods and chattels whatsoever; and also to be able and capable in the law (notwithstanding the statutes of mortmain) to take, purchase, possess, hold, and enjoy to them and their successors, a hall or house and any such messuages, lands, tenements, or hereditaments whatsoever, as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of the Society, the yearly value of which, including the site of the said hall or house, shall not exceed in the whole the sum of £3,000, computing the same respectively at the rack-rent which might have been had or gotten for the same respectively at the time of the purchase or acquisition thereof; and to act in all the concerns of the said body politic and corporate for the purposes aforesaid, as fully and effectually to all intents, effects, constructions, and purposes whatsoever, as any other of our liege subjects or any other body politic in our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, not being under any disability, might do their respective concerns; AND WE DO HEREBY GRANT our especial licence and authority unto all and every person and persons, bodies politic and corporate otherwise competent, to grant, sell, alien, and convey in mortmain, unto and to the use of the said body politic and corporate and their successors, any messuages, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, not exceeding such annual value as aforesaid :

AND OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS, AND WE FURTHER GRANT AND DECLARE, that there shall be a General Meeting or General Meetings of the Fellows of the said Society, to be held from time to time as hereinafter mentioned, and that there shall be a Council to direct

and manage the concerns of the said body politic and corporate, and that the General Meetings and the Council shall have the entire direction and management of the same, in the manner and subject to the regulations hereinafter mentioned: BUT OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that at all General Meetings and Meetings of the Council the majority present and having a right to vote thereat respectively shall decide upon the matters propounded at such Meetings, the person presiding therein having, in case of an equality of numbers, a second or casting vote:

AND WE DO HEREBY ALSO WILL, GRANT, AND DECLARE, that there shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and Secretaries of the said body politic and corporate, and that the Council shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, and not more than twelve nor less than eight other Fellows of the said Society; AND WE DO HEREBY FURTHER WILL AND DECLARE, that the said WILLIAM THOMAS BRANDE shall be the first PRESIDENT of the said body politic and corporate, and the other persons now being the Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, and other Members of the Council, shall be the first Members of the Council of the said body politic and corporate, and shall continue such until the election of Officers shall be made in pursuance of these presents:

AND WE DO HEREBY FURTHER WILL AND DECLARE, that it shall be lawful for the Fellows of the said body politic and corporate hereby established to hold a General Meeting once in the year or oftener, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, namely, that the President, Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretaries, and other Members of the Council, shall be chosen at such General Meeting; and that the General Meetings shall from time to time make and establish such by-laws as they shall deem to be useful and necessary for the regulation of the said body politic and corporate, for the admission of Fellows, the election of Associates,

and of Honorary and Foreign Members, and for the management of the estates, goods, and business of the said body politic and corporate, for fixing and determining the number of Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and the number of the other Members of the Council as aforesaid, and the time and manner of electing the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, and other Members of the Council, and the period of their respective continuance in office; and such bye-laws from time to time they shall or may alter, vary, or revoke, and shall or may make such new and other bye-laws as they shall think most useful and expedient for the said body politic and corporate, so that the same be not repugnant to these presents or to the laws and statutes of this our realm, and shall and may also enter into any resolution, and make any regulation respecting any of the affairs and concerns of the said body politic and corporate that shall be thought necessary and proper :

AND WE DO FURTHER WILL AND DECLARE, that the first such General Meeting as aforesaid for the election of officers shall take place within twelve calendar months from the date of these presents, and that the present rules and regulations of the said Society, so far as they are not inconsistent with these presents, shall continue in force until the same shall be altered by a General Meeting :

AND WE FURTHER WILL, GRANT, AND DECLARE, that the Council shall have the sole management of the income and funds of the said body politic and corporate, and the appointment of an Assistant-Secretary, Librarian, Curator, and such other officers, attendants, and servants as shall in the discretion of the Council be deemed necessary or useful for the said Society, as also the entire management and superintendence of all the other affairs and concerns thereof, and shall and may, but not inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this our Charter, or any existing bye-law, or laws and statutes of this our realm, do all such acts

and deeds as shall appear to them necessary or essential to be done for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects and views of the said body politic and corporate; PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND WE DO WILL AND DECLARE, that the Council shall from time to time render to a General Meeting a full and particular account of all such their proceedings as aforesaid, and that it shall be lawful for every Fellow of the said Society to see and examine the accounts of the receipts and payments of the said body politic and corporate :

AND WE FURTHER WILL, GRANT, AND DECLARE, that the whole property of the said body politic and corporate shall be vested, and we do hereby vest the same, solely and absolutely, in the Fellows thereof, and that they shall have full power and authority to sell, alienate, charge, and otherwise dispose of the same as they shall think proper ; but that no sale, mortgage, incumbrance, or other disposition of any messuages, lands, tenements, or hereditaments belonging to the said body politic and corporate, shall be made, except with the approbation and concurrence of a General Meeting :

AND WE DO HEREBY FURTHER WILL AND DECLARE, that the service of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, and other Members of the Council, shall be honorary, and that it shall not be lawful for them, or any of them, to receive any pecuniary payment for their attendance or other services in or about the affairs of the said body politic and corporate, and that no dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, shall be made out of the funds of the said body politic or corporate, unto or among any of its Fellows :

AND WE LASTLY DECLARE it to be our Royal will and pleasure, that no resolution or bye-law shall on any account or pretence whatsoever be made by the said body politic and corporate in opposition to the general scope, true intent and meaning of this our Charter, or the laws or statutes of our realm ; and that if any such rule or bye-law shall be made, the same shall be absolutely null

and void to all intents, effects, constructions, and purposes whatsoever. IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent. WITNESS ourself at our Palace at Westminster, this Second day of November, in the 12th year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal,
EDMUNDS,



In accordance with the preceding Royal Charter, the Chemical Society consists of Fellows, Honorary and Foreign Members and Associates.

The Fellows elect, out of their own body, according to the following Rules, a Council consisting of a President, four or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Secretaries, a Foreign Secretary, and twelve other Fellows, by whom the business of the Society is conducted in conformity with the following bye-laws.

BYE-LAWS.

I.—*Of the Election, Admission, and Payments by Fellows.*

THE method of voting for the election of Fellows shall be by ballot.

Every Candidate for election into the Society as a Fellow thereof shall be proposed according to a form of recommendation (see No. 1 Appendix) subscribed by not less than five Fellows of the Society, to three, at least, of whom he shall be personally known; and the name of each Candidate shall be read at three Ordinary Scientific Meetings, and such certificates shall be published in full in the Society's Proceedings and suspended in the Society's rooms or place of meeting, until the Candidate has been duly balloted for.

That in the case of candidates resident abroad unable to obtain the before-mentioned number of signatures, the Council shall have power to accept a

certificate, signed from personal knowledge by one Fellow of the Society, and to recommend its presentation for ballot.

Ballots shall take place at Ordinary Scientific Meetings, and those Candidates shall be balloted for whose certificates have been read at two previous Ordinary Scientific Meetings, and again on the evening of the ballot.

The election shall not be valid unless thirty-two or more Fellows vote; but if an insufficient number of votes be recorded, the particular Candidate or Candidates put up for Ballot shall be again balloted for at the next Meeting or Meetings. When three-fourths or more of the Fellows who vote are in favour of the Candidate, he shall be elected a Fellow; but when less than three-fourths of the Fellows who vote are in favour of the Candidate, he shall not be elected a Fellow. The result of the ballot shall be ascertained by two Scrutators and one of the Secretaries, and declared by the Chairman.

The Fellow thus elected shall sign the following obligation, and return it to the Secretary:—"I, the undersigned, do hereby engage that I will endeavour to promote the interests and welfare of the Chemical Society; that I will observe its laws, and to the utmost of my power, maintain its dignity, as long as I shall continue a Fellow thereof." This obligation records his acquiescence in all the Rules, Regulations, and Laws of the Society, and pledges him to their due observance.

The formal admission of Fellows shall take place after the reading of the Minutes at Ordinary Scientific Meetings of the Society.—After the reading aloud by one of the officers of the prescribed form of obligation, the Fellow to be admitted shall subscribe his name to the obligation in the Charter-book, and be introduced to the Chairman, who, taking him by the hand, shall say:—"Mr. ———, I do, by the authority and in the name of the Chemical Society, admit you a Fellow thereof."

Every Fellow shall have the right to be present and to vote at all Meetings of the Society; and to propose Candidates for admission into the Society; and he shall be entitled, so long as his annual subscription be not one year in arrear, to one copy of the annual publications of the Society. He shall also be entitled to the use of the instruments and books in the Society's collection, under such restrictions as the Council may deem necessary. He shall have the privilege of introducing two visitors to the Ordinary Scientific Meetings of the Society, whose names shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose, together with the name of the Fellow introducing such visitors.

Every Fellow, previous to his admission, shall, within three months from the date of his election, pay an admission fee of Four Pounds, and either his first annual subscription, or a life composition fee, otherwise his election shall be void; power to extend this period of three months being, however, reserved to the Council.

The annual subscription to be paid by Fellows shall be Two Pounds; excepting that those Fellows residing more than twenty miles from London, who shall have been elected before the 1st day of January, 1860, shall pay One Pound. The subscriptions of Fellows shall become due on the first day of January in every year.

If, however, a Candidate be elected during the month of November or December, he shall not be called upon to pay any annual subscription for the current year, and shall not be entitled to receive the publications of the Society for that year.

The life composition fee shall be Twenty Pounds, excepting that those Fellows residing more than twenty miles from London, who shall have been elected before the first day of January, 1860, may compound by the payment of Ten Pounds.

II.—*Of Honorary and Foreign Members.*

Honorary and Foreign Members shall be recommended to the Society by the Council. They shall be nominated at one Meeting of the Council, and shall be balloted for at some subsequent Meeting of the Council, and if the majority of those voting are in favour of any Candidate, he shall be proposed by the Council to the Society at a subsequent Ordinary Scientific Meeting, and be balloted for at the Ordinary Scientific Meeting of the Society following that at which he was recommended for election according to the Rules for the election of Fellows.

The number of Honorary and Foreign Members shall not exceed forty. The Honorary and Foreign Members shall not be required to contribute to the Funds of the Society. Each shall receive a copy of the annual publications of the Society.

III.—*Of Associates.*

Associates shall be recommended to the Society by the Council, and shall be balloted for in the same manner as Fellows. They shall be elected under the same conditions, but for a period of three years only, at the expiration of which time they may be again recommended for election.

Associates shall pay an annual subscription of One Pound. They shall have the ordinary privileges of Fellows, but shall neither vote in the Society nor propose Fellows, nor shall they be entitled to a gratuitous copy of the annual publications of the Society, but they shall have the option of paying an annual subscription of Thirty shillings in place of One Pound, for which higher subscription they shall be entitled to a copy of the Society's Journal, in addition to the ordinary privileges of Fellows, with the exceptions hereinbefore specified.

V.—*Withdrawing and Removal of Fellows and Associates.*

Any Fellow who at the period of the Annual General Meeting of the Society in March shall owe two annual subscriptions, such subscriptions having been applied for by Circular No. 4 in the Appendix, and no reason satisfactory to the President and Council having been assigned for their nonpayment, shall cease to be a Fellow of the Society, and have his name removed from the Society's List accordingly: Provided, nevertheless, that on a solicitation for re-admission being addressed to the President and Council by a person so circumstanced, the case of such person shall be considered by the Council, who may, if they see fit, reinstate him as a Fellow of the Society, upon his paying up the arrears of his subscription, or a life composition fee.

Any proposition to remove a Fellow or Associate from the Society, for other causes than the nonpayment of subscriptions, must be made by the Council. It shall be read at any Ordinary Scientific Meeting of the Society, and at the like Meeting next ensuing the proposition shall be balloted for, and if three-fourths of the Fellows voting shall vote for the removal of such Fellow or Associate, he shall be removed from the Society accordingly.

The ballot shall not be valid unless forty or more persons vote.

V.—*Election of President, Officers, and Council.*

All Officers of the Society shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting, in March.

At the second Ordinary Scientific Meeting, in February, the Chairman shall declare: 1st. The names of the two Vice-Presidents who it is proposed should retire, either from the Council, or, in the event of one

of them being nominated to the Presidency, from the Vice-Presidency. 2nd. The names of four ordinary Members of the Council who it is proposed should also retire. 3rd. The names of the President and officers recommended for election to office during the ensuing year, including the names of two new Vice-Presidents selected either from the existing Council, or from the General body of Fellows. 4th. The names of four new ordinary Members, recommended for election to the Council, or in the event of two ordinary Members of Council being nominated to the Vice-Presidency, of six new Members, or in the event of one ordinary Member of Council being nominated to the Vice-Presidency, of five new Members.

Two lists, according to the Forms Nos. 5 and 6 in the Appendix, with the names of the Fellows recommended for election as official and ordinary Members, of Council, and having each a blank column opposite for such alterations as any Fellow may wish to make, shall be prepared by the Secretaries. These two lists shall be read from the Chair at the first Ordinary Scientific Meeting in March, and, on or before the day of meeting, shall be suspended in the Society's rooms and circulated among the Fellows.

In the event of any Fellow proposing some other name or names than those recommended by the Council, and communicating his proposal in writing, duly signed by himself, to one of the Secretaries before the second meeting in March, the same shall be read from the Chair, and be publicly suspended in the Society's rooms with the list recommended by the Council.

On the day of Election, two Scrutators shall be nominated by the Chairman, with the approbation of the Meeting, to assist the Secretaries in examining the lists. Each Fellow voting shall deliver his list to one of the Scrutators, and the name of the Fellow so voting shall be recorded by one of the Secretaries. The names of those reported to the Chairman by the Scrutators as

having the majority of votes of the Fellows present, for filling the offices of President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, and Council, shall then be announced from the Chair as elected to serve for the ensuing year.

In the event of votes being recorded for the same Candidate, both as an Officer and as a Member of Council, the votes recorded for him as an Officer shall, in the case of his not being elected an Officer, be added to those recorded for him as a Member of Council, and the total number of votes shall be counted as votes for the Council.

VI.—*Of the President.*

The President shall preside at the Meetings of the Society and of the Council, and shall regulate the order of the proceedings.

No Fellow shall be elected as President of the Society for more than two years in succession, but he may be re-elected after the lapse of one year.

In case of a casual vacancy the Council shall name a Vice-President to exercise the powers and perform the duties of President.

VII.—*Of the Vice-Presidents.*

In the absence of the President, the Chair shall be occupied by one of the Vice-Presidents, or, in the absence of any Vice-President, by a Member of Council or some other Fellow.

Fellows who have filled the office of President at any time since the formation of the Society, shall be proposed by the Council for election as Vice-Presidents, and this proposition shall be renewed every year, excepting when any such Vice-President is again nominated to the Presidency. There shall be six other

Vice-Presidents who have not filled the office of President, of whom two shall retire from the Council every year, unless one of the outgoing Vice-Presidents be nominated to the Presidency, when only one other Vice-President shall retire.

VIII. *Of the Treasurer.*

The Treasurer shall receive all money due to the Society, and shall pay such sums as may be ordered by the Council. He shall keep an account of such receipts and payments, in which donations and money received for composition of annual payments shall be entered separately from the ordinary revenues of the Society, and he shall produce such account at any Meeting of the Council, when required.

The Treasurer shall pay the moneys received by him into the hands of the Society's banker, retaining a sum not exceeding £100 for the payment of current expenses.

The Treasurer shall, on the first day of January annually, send to every Fellow of the Society who has not compounded for his annual contribution, a printed copy of the Intimation contained in No. 3 in the Appendix; and in making up his Accounts in the month of March of every year for the examination of the Auditors, he shall present a list of all Fellows whose subscriptions are then in arrear.

At the second Ordinary Scientific Meeting of the Society in February, three Auditors shall be elected by the Society by show of hands, unless a ballot be demanded. They shall audit the Treasurer's Account, and shall forward their Report to the Council at least one week before the Annual General Meeting of the Society. They shall have the power of calling for all necessary accounts and vouchers. No Member of the Council shall be eligible as an Auditor.

IX.—*Of the Secretaries.*

There shall be two Secretaries and a Foreign Secretary. The duties of the Secretaries shall be—1st. To attend, one or both, at all Meetings of the Society and of the Council. 2nd. To take Minutes of the proceedings, and to read them at the ensuing Meeting. 3rd. To read all Scientific Communications to the Society, or abstracts thereof, that are not read by their respective authors. 4th. To address to every person elected into the Society a printed copy of the Letter No. 2 in the Appendix, and of the Obligation, together with a copy of the Bye-Laws of the Society, a List of the Fellows, and a Card announcing the days on which the Society holds its Meetings during the Session. 5th. To prepare and circulate the Balloting Lists of the Council. 6th. To conduct the home correspondence of the Society. A book shall be kept in the charge of the Secretaries, containing a copy of the Charter and Laws of the Society, with the form of Obligation to be subscribed by each Fellow. The several duties to be performed by each Secretary to be arranged by the Council.

The Foreign Secretary shall conduct the foreign correspondence of the Society.

 X.—*Of the Council.*

The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Council, consisting of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretaries, and twelve other Fellows, not fewer than eight of whom shall, at the time of election, be resident within twenty miles of London. Annually four of the twelve ordinary Members of Council (three at least of whom must be resident Members) shall retire from the Council, and four new Members shall be elected to supply their places. At all Meetings of the Council five shall be a quorum.

The Council shall hold their Ordinary Meetings at least once a month, from November to June inclusive, on one of the days of the Ordinary Scientific Meetings of the Society. Notice of the time of holding each Meeting of the Council shall be forwarded by one of the Secretaries to each Member of the Council at least two days previous to that on which such Meeting is to be held, but the non-receipt of such notice by any Member of the Council shall in no way invalidate the proceedings of the Meeting.

Extraordinary Meetings of the Council shall be called by the President upon a requisition to him, signed by three Members of the Council, or at his own discretion, when he shall direct the Secretaries to issue summonses for the occasion.

The ordinary mode of decision on questions before the Council shall be by show of hands, unless a ballot be demanded. Any Member of the Council who shall be personally concerned in the question under consideration, shall retire during the discussion and determining of the same.

At the Annual General Meeting, the President shall present a Report on the state of the Society during the past twelve months.

Before any new Bye-Law, or alteration of the existing Bye-Laws, be brought before the Society by the Council, it shall be proposed at one Meeting of the Council, and considered and approved of at a subsequent Meeting.

The Council shall have the power of appointing and of removing the Assistant Secretary, Librarian, Curator, or other paid Officers of the Society.

XI.—*Ordinary Scientific Meetings of the Society.*

The Ordinary Scientific Meetings of the Society shall be held twice in every month, from November to June inclusive, except in the month of January, when

the Society shall meet once only, and also at Easter, when, if the Council see fit, there shall be only one meeting in the month: the specific days and hours of meeting to be determined by the Council. The ordinary course of business shall be as follows, subject, however, to the control of the Chairman for the time being:—1st. The names of the Visitors, and of the Fellows by whom they are introduced, shall be announced from the Chair. 2nd. The Minutes of the proceedings of the previous Meeting shall be read and submitted for confirmation. 3rd. New Fellows shall sign the obligation book, and shall be admitted by the Chairman. 4th. Presents made to the Society since its last Meeting shall be announced from the Chair. 5th. The certificates of Candidates for election shall be read. 6th. Scientific communications shall be read and discussed. 7th. The titles of papers ordered for reading at the next Meeting shall be announced.

XII.—*Annual General Meeting.*

An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held on the 30th day of March, or on some day in March near that time, and at such an hour as the Council may determine, for the election of Officers, &c.

XIII.—*Extraordinary Meetings of the Society.*

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society shall be summoned at any time by the President, on his receiving a written requisition to do so from the Council, or from twenty Fellows of the Society. Notice shall be given of such Meeting at a previous Ordinary Scientific Meeting, or by a circular addressed to all the resident Fellows. The President shall have the power of calling an Extraordinary General Meeting.

At all General Meetings of the Society, whether Annual or Extraordinary, no motion of a proposal to alter the Bye-laws shall be considered of which due notice has not been given at least fourteen days previously, either at an Ordinary Scientific Meeting, or through the agency of the "Proceedings," or by means of a printed notice addressed to all the resident Fellows."

XIV.—*Of the Reading and Publication of Scientific Papers.*

The Secretary shall mark upon each paper sent to him, the date on which he received it from the author, and also the date upon which it was read to the Society. These papers shall, as far as expedient, be read in the order in which they are received, and the discussion of each paper shall immediately follow the reading thereof, unless the Chairman for the time being shall otherwise direct. The discussion of any paper may, on a resolution of the meeting to that effect, be resumed at the following Meeting. Authors may read their own papers, by permission of the Chairman.

All papers communicated to the Society, with their illustrative Drawings, shall become the property of the Society, unless stipulation be made to the contrary; and authors shall not be at liberty, save by permission of the Council, to publish in English the papers they have communicated, until such papers, or abstracts of them, have either appeared in the Journal of the Society, or have been returned to the author.

The Journal of the Society shall be published at intervals to be determined by the Council. It shall consist of such of the papers which have been read at the Meetings of the Society, or of abstracts of them, as the Council may determine, together with abstracts of papers published in other Journals.

If any paper of importance is communicated during the recess, the same may be ordered for publication by the Council, without being read to the Society.

The authors of such papers as may be published by the Society shall be entitled to fifty copies of each of their own papers free of expense.

XV.—*Library.*

The books in the possession of the Society shall be allowed to circulate among the Fellows and Associates, under such regulations, and with such exceptions as the Council may deem advisable.

XVI.—*Common Seal and Deeds.*

The Common Seal of the Society shall remain in the custody of the President. Every Deed or Writing to which the Common Seal is to be affixed, shall be passed and sealed in Council.

A P P E N D I X.

No. 1.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

Certificate of a Candidate for Election.

The attention of the candidate in whose favour this certificate is made out is specially directed to the fact that, if elected, he will be required to sign the following obligation prior to his admission into the Society :—

OBLIGATION.—I, the undersigned, do hereby engage that I will endeavour to promote the interests and welfare of the CHEMICAL SOCIETY, that I will observe its Laws, and to the utmost of my power maintain its dignity, as long as I shall continue a Fellow thereof.

Name _____

Usual Place of Residence _____

Designation or Occupation _____

Qualifications.*

being desirous of admission into the CHEMICAL SOCIETY, we, the undersigned, propose and recommend him as a proper person to become a FELLOW thereof.

* Directions for filling up the Certificate are given on the other side.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 18

From Personal Knowledge. | From General Knowledge.

Proposed on _____

To be Balloted for on _____

Elected _____ 18

President.

Directions for filling up the Certificate of a Candidate.

Under "Qualifications" should be given a concise statement of the Candidate's contributions to Chemical Science, as Investigator or Author, or of his position and past experience as Lecturer, Teacher, Assistant or Student, or in connection with Analytical or Manufacturing Chemistry.

If the Candidate's qualifications are not included under any of the above heads, the reasons for his desiring admission to the Society should be stated.

The Certificate must be signed by *five* or more Fellows, of whom *at least three* must certify their recommendation from *personal* knowledge.

No. 2.

Letter notifying the Election of a Member.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, that on the
 day of _____ you were elected

Fellow of the Chemical Society. I herewith transmit you a copy of the Bye-laws, &c.

According to the Regulations of the Society, you are required to return the accompanying Obligation, duly signed, to the Secretary, and to pay the Assistant Secretary, the Admission Fee of £4, and the Annual Contribution for the current year, £2, before admission.*

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

No. 3.

Annual Circular Letter of Treasurer.

January 1, 18

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that your Annual Contribution of £_____ to the Chemical Society for the year _____, is due this day.

If paid by Post-Office Order, it should be drawn on the Post-office, Burlington House, London, W., made payable to the Assistant-Secretary (_____)

_____)
and enclosed to him.

Drafts on Banks should be made payable to the order of the Treasurer, and enclosed to him as above.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

Treasurer.

* In the case of Honorary Members, Foreign Members, and Associates this paragraph will be omitted.

No. 4

*Annual Circular Letter of the Treasurer to Fellows who
are two years in arrear of their Subscriptions.*

January 1, 18

Sir,

I have to inform you that your Subscription of £2 to the Chemical Society for the current year is now due, and that you are also in arrear of your subscription for the preceding year.

I have to inform you that, if your arrears, amounting to £4, are not paid on or before the of March next ensuing, you will, in accordance with the IVth Bye-law, cease to be a Fellow of the Society, and your name will be struck off from the list.

Payments should be made by Cheque or by Post-office Order.

If paid by Post-office Order, it should be drawn on the Post-office, Burlington House, London, W., made payable to the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Robert Steele, Burlington House, Piccadilly, and enclosed to him. Drafts on Bankers should be made payable to the Order of the Treasurer, and enclosed to him as above.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Treasurer.

Balloting List for the Election of President and Officers.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

BALLOTING LIST

FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

March, 18

<i>Present Officers.</i>	<i>Officers Proposed.</i>
PRESIDENT.	
VICE-PRESIDENTS.	
SECRETARIES.	
FOREIGN SECRETARY.	
TREASURER.	

If you wish to substitute any other name, in place of that proposed, erase the printed name in the second column, and write opposite to it, in the third, that which you wish to substitute.



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